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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Portugal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution

Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991, 47/154 of 18 December 1992, 48/197 of 21 December 1993, 49/21 E of 20 December 1994, 50/58 A of 12 December 1995, 51/30 B of 5 December 1996, 52/169 E of 16 November 1998, 55/176 of 19 December 2000, 57/151 of 16 December 2002, 59/219 of 22 December 2004 and 61/218 of 20 December 2006,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

Commending the Economic Community of West African States, the African Union, the International Contact Group on the Mano River Basin, the United Nations system and its specialized agencies, donor countries and institutions and governmental and non-governmental organizations for their continued support for the peacebuilding process and development of Liberia,

Commending also the United Nations Mission in Liberia for its important role in the maintenance of peace and stability in the country,

Noting with appreciation the progress made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, despite many difficulties, and expressing its appreciation to the Government of Liberia and those of its partners that have so far provided assistance to the Commission,

Taking note, while conscious of further challenges, of the progress made in a number of areas, including the consolidation of governmental authority throughout

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the country, as evidenced by the national development agenda, which encompasses four benchmarks, security, good governance and the rule of law, economic revitalization and infrastructure, and basic services, which are also important elements for sustainable economic growth and development,

Strongly condemning all acts of gender-based violence, including sexual violence committed against civilians, in particular women and children, and underlining the need to implement the Government of Liberia/United Nations joint programme to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence (2008-2012),

Stressing the need to protect women and children in post-conflict situations, and *recalling* the Security Council resolutions and presidential statements on women and peace and security, in particular Security Council resolution 1325 (2000),

Taking note that the situation in Liberia remains generally stable, although fragile,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Economic Community of West African States, the African Union, donor countries and institutions, the United Nations system and its specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations for their valuable support in their adoption of a comprehensive approach to peacebuilding in Liberia and in the subregion;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his continued efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United Nations system and other organizations to provide assistance to Liberia;

3. *Renews* its invitation to all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide assistance to Liberia to facilitate the continued creation of an enabling environment for the promotion of peace, socio-economic development and regional security, including by emphasizing capacity-building, institution-building and employment generation in their work and ensuring that such work complements and contributes to the development of an economy characterized by a predictable investment climate conducive to entrepreneurship, good governance and the rule of law;

4. *Welcomes* the agreement, in June 2008, on the Government of Liberia/United Nations joint programme to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence (2008-2012), and calls on all parties to implement it;

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the fact that the Government of Liberia's poverty reduction strategy has been finalized and overwhelmingly endorsed by its partners at the Liberia Poverty Reduction Forum, held in Berlin on 26 and 27 June 2008;

6. *Strongly encourages* the international community to translate the tremendous goodwill expressed at the Liberia Poverty Reduction Forum into tangible resources and support for the Government's national reconstruction agenda, including its poverty reduction strategy and actions for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

7. *Urges* the Government to continue to create an environment conducive to the promotion of socio-economic development, peace and security in the country, to the reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons and to its commitment to ensure the upholding of human rights, the rule of law and national reconciliation;

8. *Appeals* to the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate assistance to programmes and projects identified in the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts in coordinating the work of the United Nations system and mobilize financial, technical and other assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;

(b) To present to the General Assembly, at its sixty-fifth session, the final and comprehensive report on implementation of humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia under the item "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance", taking into account the peacebuilding activities in this country financed through the Peacebuilding Fund;

10. *Decides* to consider, at its sixty-fifth session, the status of international assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia.